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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 50-51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The subject matter of claim 50 has been incorporated into its base claim, claim 43.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 53 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 53 has been amended to indicate the first polarization scrambling material comprises an enhanced diffuser reflector, thereby particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112.



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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 43-44, 48, 54 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,909,604 to Kobayashi et al. (Kobayashi) in view of U.S. 2003/0164914A1 to Weber et al. (Weber).

Claims 45-47 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,909,604 to Kobayashi et al. (Kobayashi) in view of U.S. 2003/0164914A1 to Weber et al. (Weber) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,342,932B1 to Terao, et al. (Terao).

As mentioned above, claim 43 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 50, previously noted by the Examiner as including allowable subject matter. Claims 44-48, 51, 53, and 54 depend from claim 43 and are, therefore, allowable for at least the reasons given in support of claim 43. Claims 56 and 57 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of



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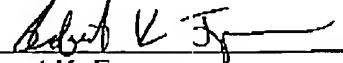
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record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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